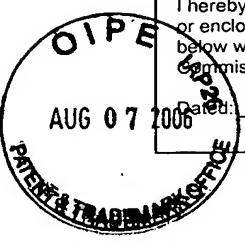




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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed February 17, 2006, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith thereby extending the time for response from May 17, 2006 through and including August 17, 2006.